

RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & TRAINING

DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF ELECTRICIANS

1511 Pontiac Avenue, Bldg 70, 2nd Floor Conference Room

Cranston, RI 02920

WEDNESDAY, March 21, 2012

9:30am

In attendance: Frank Benell, Jr.

Keith Burlingame

Michael Daley

Stanley Davies

William Lepore, Jr., Chairperson

Robert Zuba

Also in attendance: Glenn Dusablon, Chief Electrical Investigator; E. Patrick Luther, Chief Plumbing Investigator; and Mary Ellen McQueeney Lally, Legal Counsel

1.) CALL TO ORDER: William Lepore, Jr, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:36am.

2.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Stanley Davies made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting, February 15, 2012, as

written; seconded by Frank Benell, Jr. and passed unanimously by the Board.

3.) CONFLICT OF INTEREST – Mary Ellen McQueeney Lally, Legal Counsel, informed the Board that the matter will be continued to the next meeting when Ben Copple, Legal Counsel, returns..

4.) VIOLATION APPEAL HEARINGS:

Michael Palumbo (Violation # 4184): Michael Palumbo, Mike Allen, E. Patrick Luther, Chief Plumbing Investigator, and Glenn Dusablon, Chief Electrical Investigator, are sworn in for testimony. Glenn Dusablon reads the violation:

VIOLATION # 4184

NAME OF VIOLATOR: Michael Palumbo, A-003208, 41 Maple St, Cranston, RI. LOCATION OF VIOLATION: 506 East Beach Rd., Charlestown, RI

VIOLATION: Rhode Island General Law 5-6-2 "work for which a license is required" Mr. Michael Palumbo, A-3208, of 41 Maple Street, Cranston, RI, had 1 unlicensed employee, Mike Allen, of 170 Highland St., performing electrical work in Rhode Island without Rhode Island electrical license (1 Violation). VIOLATION: RIGL 5-6-25 "failure to comply with the rules and requirements of city or town". Mr. Palumbo failed to obtain an electrical permit with the Town of Charlestown prior to commencement of the electrical installation (1 Violation). Mr. E. Patrick Luther, Chief Plumbing Investigator,

witnessed Mr. Allen performing electrical work on site. 2 Violations at 500.00 (total fine \$1,000.00).

Glenn Dusablon provides testimony. Pat Luther provides testimony. Mr. Luther is questioned by the Board.

Michael Palumbo provides testimony. The Board questions Mr. Palumbo. The Board questions Mike Allen.

Michael Daley made a motion that the violation did occur; seconded by Robert Zuba and passed unanimously by the Board.

Michael Daley made a motion that the fine of \$1,000.00 be upheld; seconded by Robert Zuba and passed unanimously by the Board.

The recommendation will be forwarded to the Director.

Mike Allen (Violation # 4185): All parties were previously sworn in for testimony. Glenn Dusablon, Chief Electrical Investigator, read the violation:

VIOLATION # 4185

NAME OF VIOLATOR: Mike Allen, 170 Highland St, Cranston, RI

LOCATION OF VIOLATION: 506 East Beach Rd., Charlestown, RI

VIOLATION: Rhode Island General Law 5-6-2 "work for which a license is required" Mr. Mike Allen, an employee of Mr. Michael

Palumbo, A-3208, of 41 Maple Street, Cranston, RI, performed electrical work in Rhode Island without Rhode Island electrical license (1 Violation). Mr. E. Patrick Luther, Chief Plumbing Investigator, witnessed Mr. Allen performing electrical work on site. 1 Violation at 500.00.

E. Patrick Luther, Chief Plumbing Investigator, provides testimony.

Mike Allen addressed the Board. The Board questions Mr. Allen.

Michael Daley made a motion that a violation did occur and seconded by Stanley Davies. There is a discussion. The vote was three (3) in favor and two (2) opposed. The motion carries.

Stanley Davies made a motion that the fine of \$500.00 be suspended pending no further violations for one (1) year; seconded by Michael Daley and passed unanimously by the Board.

The recommendation will be forwarded to the Director.

End of hearings.

5.) REVIEW OF RIGL 5-6 FOR CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES:

The Board has a discussion.

The Senate bill regarding Burglar Alarms is discussed. The Fire Code bill is also discussed.

Glenn Dusablon, Chief Electrical Investigator, addressed the Board regarding an informal meeting with the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Licensing Board regarding reciprocity of certificates from continuing education providers between Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Robert Zuba was willing to contact other New England states regarding reciprocating with providers.

Violations and fines are discussed.

Robert Zuba addressed the Board regarding the Building Commission's office issuing registration cards for sign contractors and the problems that arise as the individual may not have electrical licenses. Other issues regarding contractor registration and permits are discussed.

6.) ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Stanley Davies and seconded by Michael Daley and passed unanimously by the Board. The meeting adjourned at 10:15am.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 18, 2012 at 9:30am.